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REMARKS:

The Examiner Is correct in that modified independent claims 1 and 11 do not provide all the limitations of dependent claims 8, 15, 16 and 18, namely the groove positioned along the spool for water passage beneath the o-rings. Nevertheless, applicant believes that claim 1 and dependent claims 3-7 and 10 are allowable over the art of record as claim 1 provides a plurality of parallel channels along the spool with the o-rings surrounding the spool and channels.

This structure allows the spool to be rotated in one direction to allow the liquid to flow from the entry port through the channels beneath one of the o-rings to an exit port. Applicant does not believe that the prior art of Bernardi, Finley and Faylor demonstrates or obviates this structure. Likewise, claim 1 provides a spool positioned within the o-rings to allow continuous flow through the channels from the entry port to the first exit port and selectively to a second exit port. Applicant believes that claim 11 is also patentably distinct over Bernardi, Finley and Faylor as this claim also includes a spool surrounded by o-rings with channels within the spool beneath the o-rings.

Thus, with the differences defining over the art of record, applicant believes that this supplemental communication in addition to applicant's amendment of 05 August 2003 satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b).

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Further, applicant requests claim allowance at the Examiners' earliest convenience of all remaining claims.

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